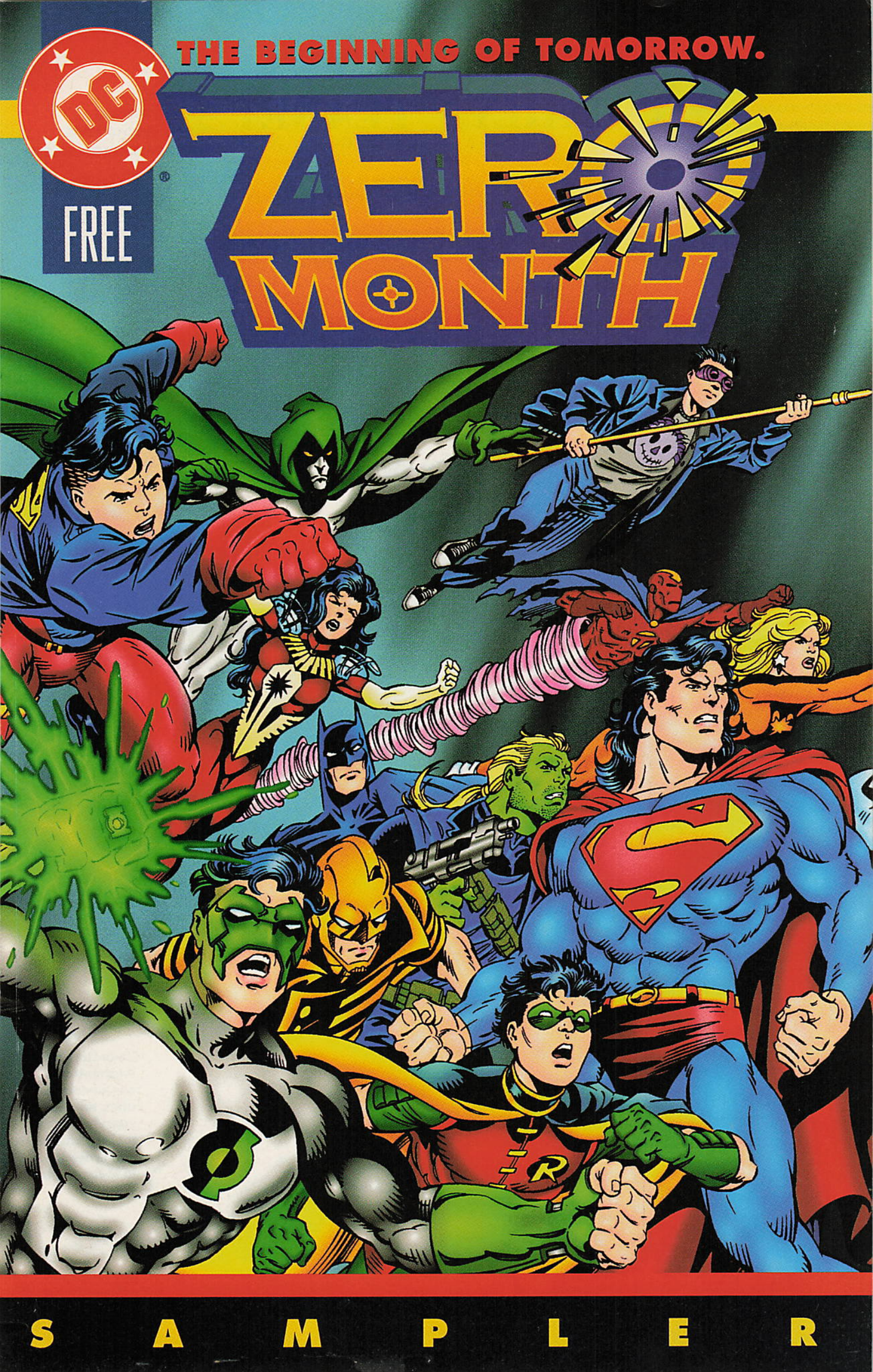
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SPECIAL SECTION

# A MAN OF THE WORLD!

## A hero for today's Metropolis!

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**Up-to-the-minute information on Conduit and Clark Kent's "lost years" between leaving Smallville and arriving in Metropolis.**

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**MIKE CARLIN**
Executive Editor—DC Universe

**Mysterious discovery at the Superman Memorial: The Man of Steel's dead body. Here we go again.**

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**In a late breaking story it was discovered that Conduit is in some way connected to Clark Kent's past in Smallville.**

**A new super-powered villain calling himself Conduit struck Metropolis late today. Conduit allegedly attempted to kill ace Daily Planet reporter Clark Kent. Conduit's motivations are currently unclear.**

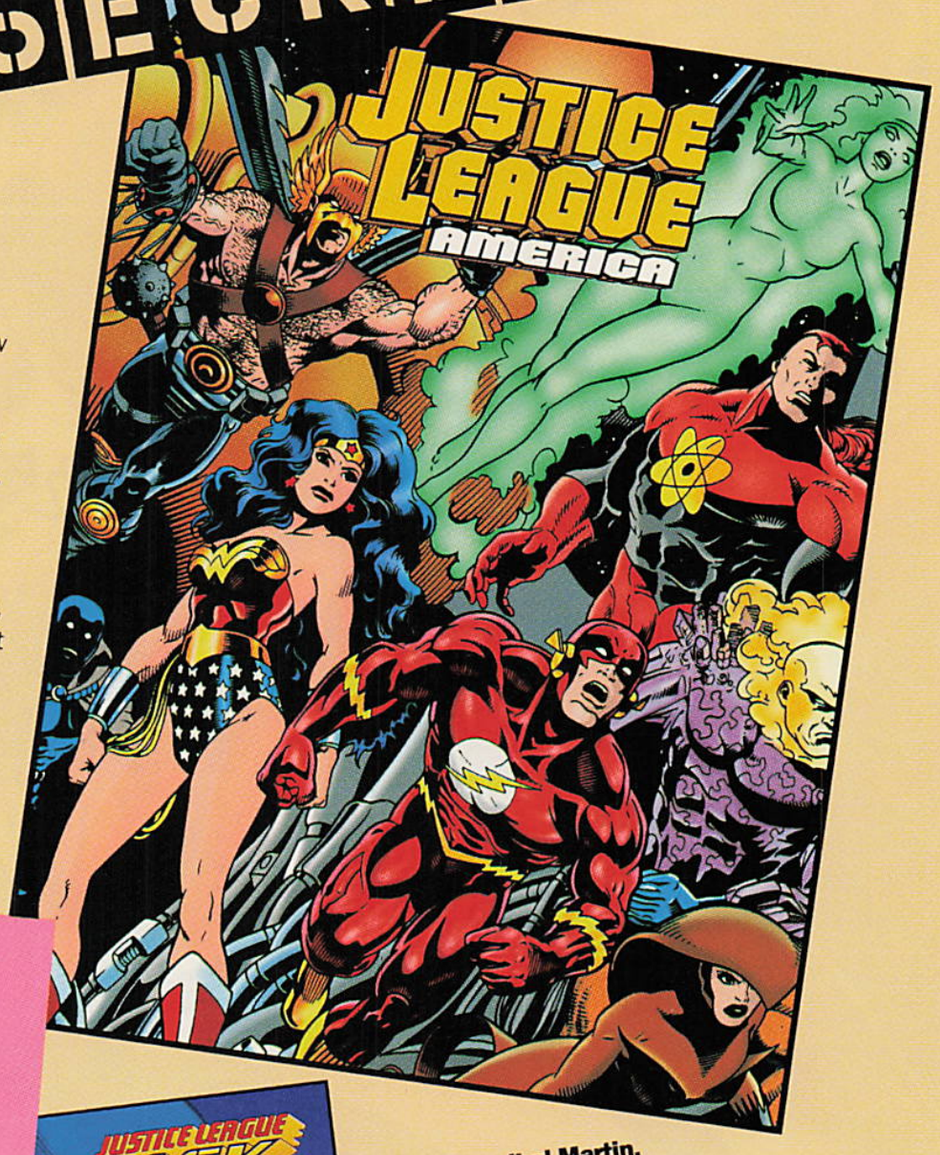
***Dateline: Hawaii.***
**Documents released today reveal, at last, the secret of SUPERBOY'S first three days out of Project Cadmus. It is also rumored that the Kid of Steel is undergoing a surprising power-enhancement.**

***Dateline Washington, DC.***
**Local hero STEEL has come under increased scrutiny of late for an inexplicable change of powers. Could he in fact be a meta-human?**

I think my number-one problem is guilt. I carry it around like luggage.
Keeps me from
THE RAY
GO.
ALL RIGHT! ALL RIGHT! I'LL GO!
THAT'S NOT ME, HANK--!
God said, "Go home. Watch Oprah." But I knew better.
'SCUSE ME...
I knew that if I saved somebody from an exploding gas main or a collapsing building...
...NEVER A PHONE BOOTH WHEN YOU NEED ONE.
...I'd feel better about having used my powers to help Hank score.
HECK WITH IT, WHO'S GONNA RECOGNIZE ME, ANYWAY?

So, things were really going well...
REALLY BLEW IT... CAN'T HOLD THIS GEEK...
AT LEAST IT'S NIGHT... THE BUILDING'S PRETTY EMPTY...
YO, FINHEAD--!
LOOKS LIKE YOU NEED A RESCUE! AND WHO'S BETTER EQUIPPED FOR THE JOB THAN...
SUPERBOY
VROOOMPP!
PERRY—
Here's an idea for the upcoming supplement. There's a new generation of heroes popping up. Could be the wave of the future. Lots of HEAT here. Killer article. Just say the word and it's on your desk Tuesday.
—LOIS.

# CLASSIFIED TOP SECRET



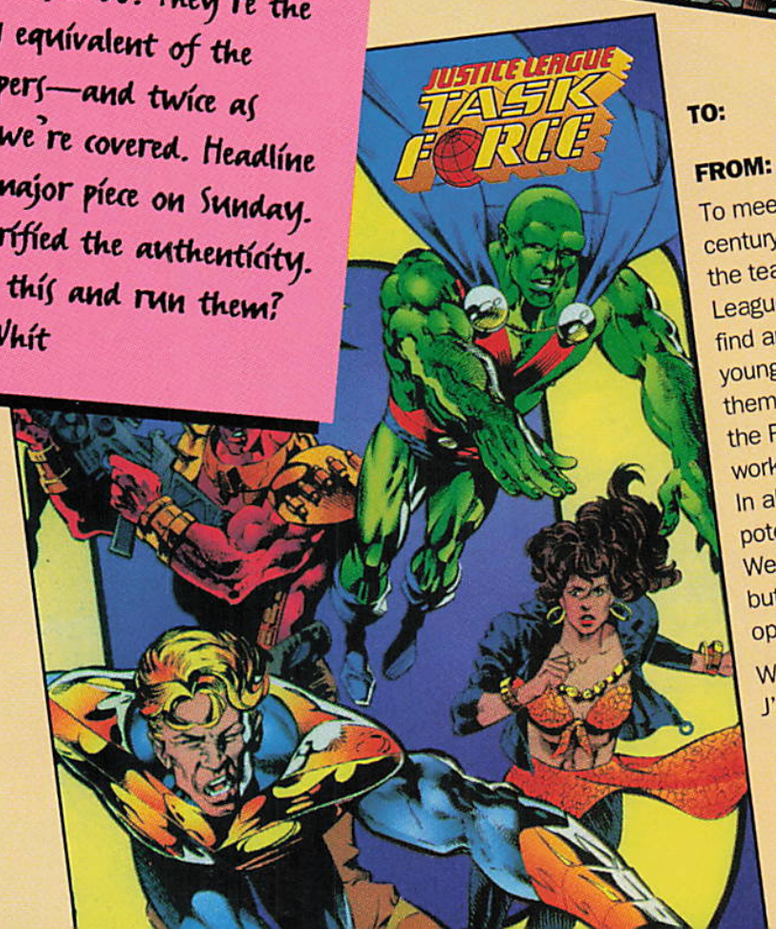

**TO: Max Lord**
**FROM: Wonder Woman**

With the old team shattered, I feel it imperative to forge a new Justice League America. The League's new headquarters will be in the high-tech spacecraft we liberated from the Overmaster. Some suggestions for recruits include old friends, Flash, Fire, Metamorpho and Crimson Fox. New possibilities include Hawkman, Obsidian and Nuklon. I am confident that with great heroes like these we can more than face any challenge tomorrow may hold.

And with all due respect, Max, we'll do it on our own.

Best,
Wonder Woman

Perry,
Look. These papers are verified. Legal says it's a GO. They're the modern-day equivalent of the Pentagon Papers—and twice as HOT—but we're covered. Headline today with major piece on Sunday. Go? We've verified the authenticity. Do we pursue this and run them?
Whit




**TO: Hannibal Martin, U.N. special envoy.**
**FROM: J'onn J'onzz**

To meet the challenges of the next century, I have decided that I must rebuild the team I originally created, the Justice League Task Force. I feel it is best to find and recruit the best and brightest young heroes available today and bring them into the fold. It is vital to convince the Ray and Triumph that they should work with Gypsy and me in this endeavor. In all modesty, I think this team has the potential to be the legends of tomorrow. We appreciate all of your help in the past, but I think we will be most effective operating as an independent force.

With respect,
J'onn.

Perry:
Guess we scooped you on this one, eh? Maybe next time.
—Ed

Get Carlin on this NOW!

ONE TIMES-COURIER
NDAY
GAZINE

# Is time running out for the Flash?

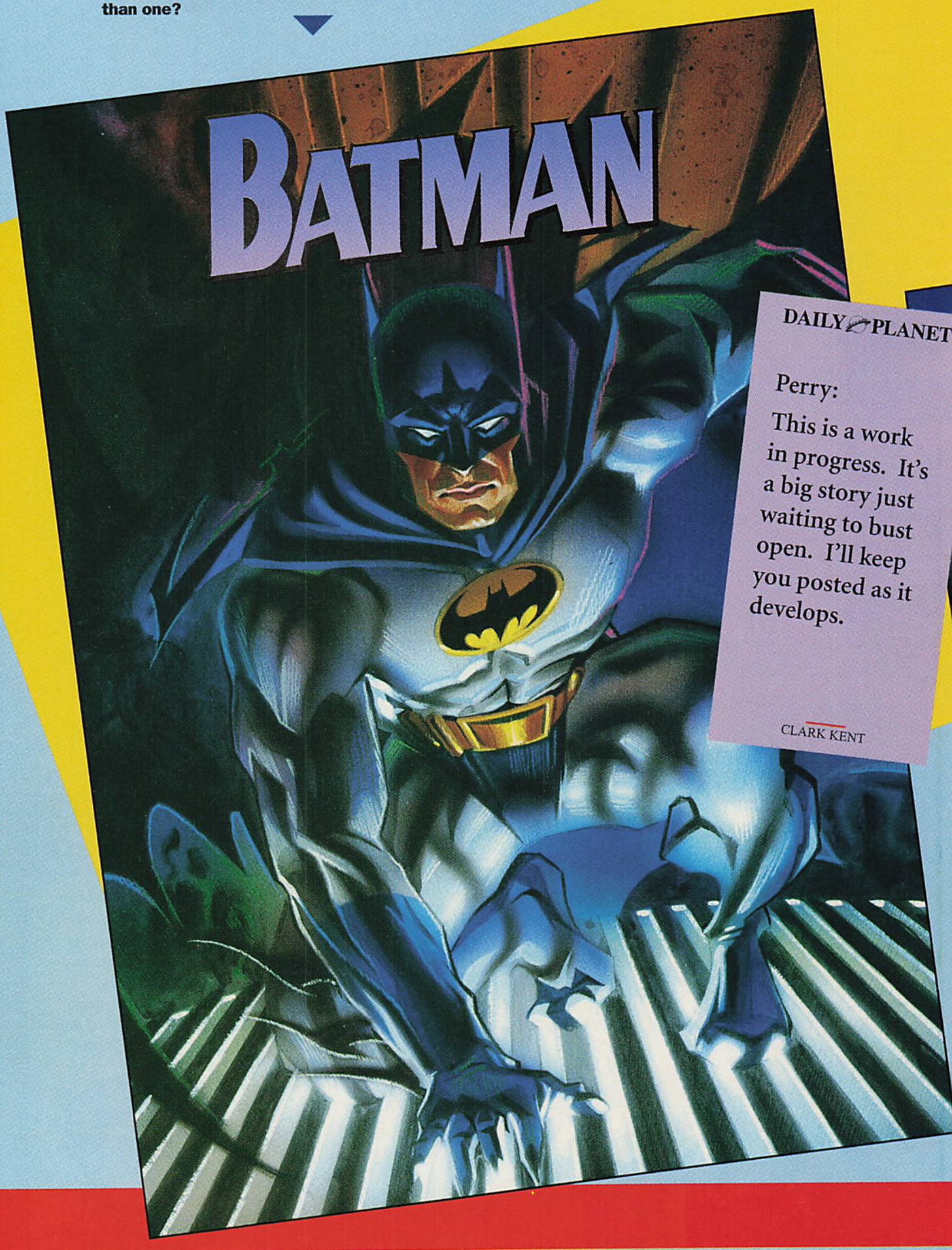
Wally West is a 22-year-old whose time may be quickly running out. Starting in this week's edition we take a look at a six-part story we call "Terminal Velocity." Is this the end of the Flash as we know him?

*Recently seen streaking through the streets of Keystone City is a new speedster who goes by the name* Impulse. *Who is this new speed demon? What effect will he have on the Flash?*

THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE!
FLASH

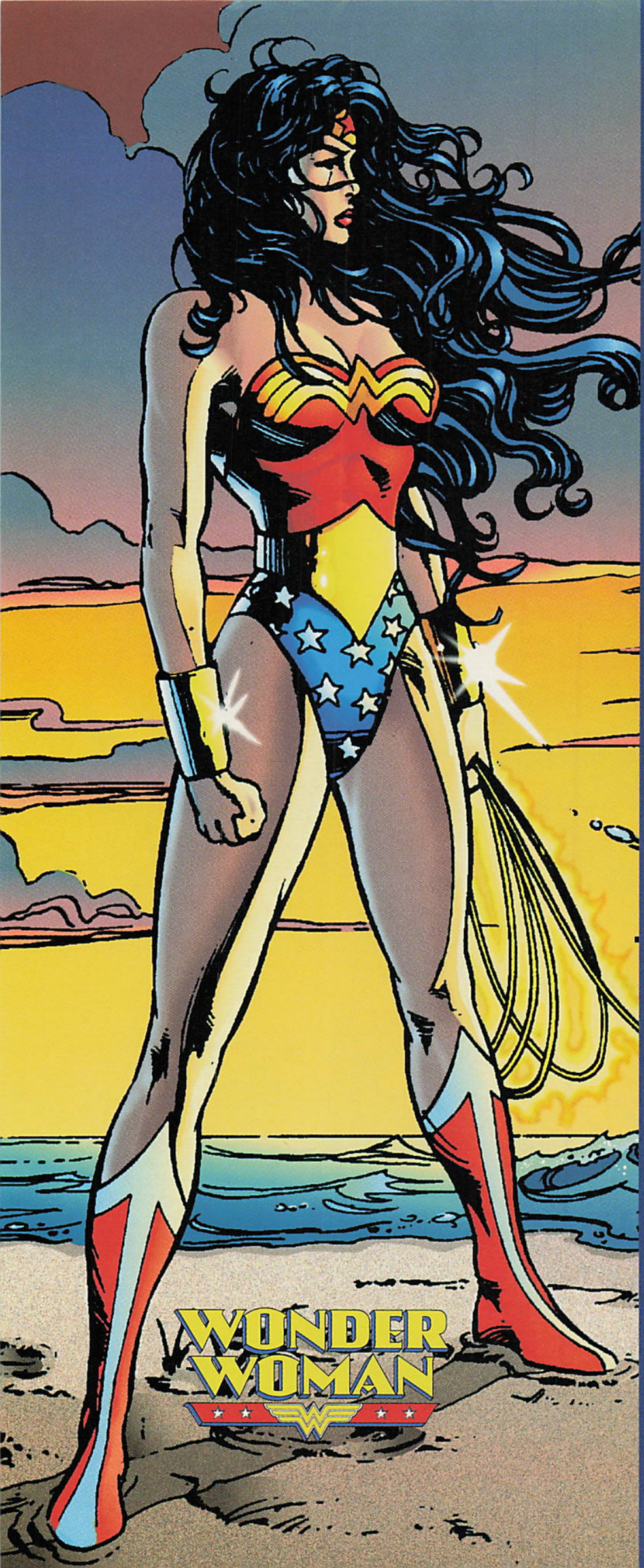
**BATMAN–*As the Dark Knight*** **keeps Gotham's seedier side under wraps, today's top mystery novelists look to unmask the bat. Who is the man under the cowl? Is it still the same man we have always thought it was? Is there more than one?**

## THE BATMAN ENIGMA


BATMAN
DAILY PLANET
Perry:
This is a work in progress. It's a big story just waiting to bust open. I'll keep you posted as it develops.
CLARK KENT

***Catwoman*** **has been caught by the authorities. This may be our opportunity to discover her background. There seems to be some sort of bond between her and the Batman. Are they in collusion?**

***Robin Delivers:*** **Some believe there have been as many as three different Robins over the years. We must find out who the first two were and who the current one is. Even though Robin works solo these days, his identity might give us a clue as to who Batman is.**




**TONIGHT ON**

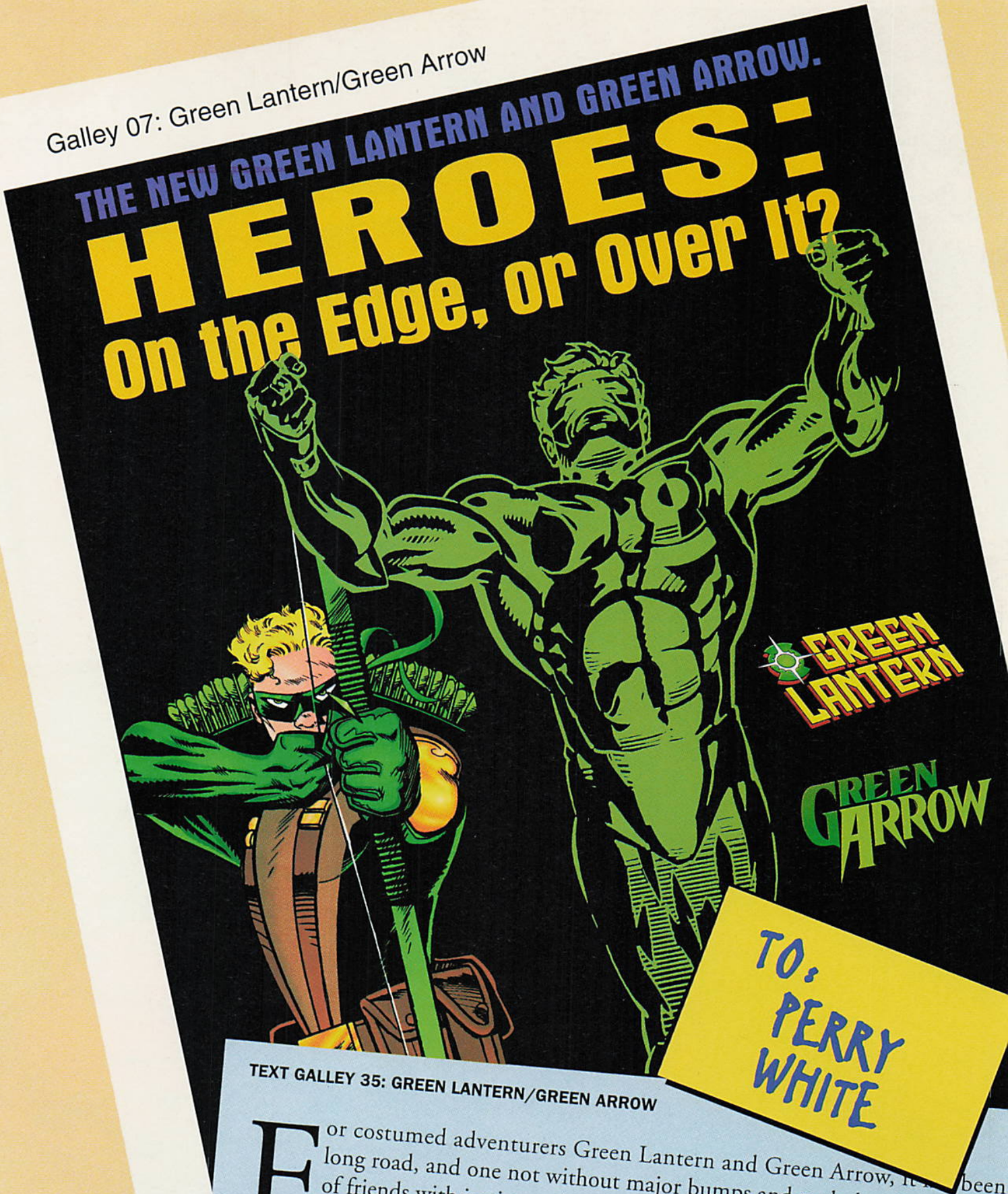
# INSIDE COPY

**THE STORIES THE ROYAL HEROES WOULDN'T WANT YOU TO SEE. 7:00 P.M., ON WGBS**

The *real* story behind Themyscira, Wonder Woman's island paradise. Will the truth strip Princess Diana of her royal crown?

Aquaman's *true* heritage is revealed. Is he fit to be king of the seas? Plus, shocking footage of the carnage that cost Aquaman his hand.

DAILY PLANET
TO: Perry
FROM: Ad Sales
Bad enough we have to take an ad from TV tabloid trash, now look at what they're doing.
PW–Do you want to kill it?
ADVERTISING
AQUAMAN




**TEXT GALLEY 35: GREEN LANTERN/GREEN ARROW**

For costumed adventurers Green Lantern and Green Arrow, it has been a long road, and one not without major bumps and potholes. Once the best of friends with justice as their common goal (perhaps green costumes being their only other similarity), the road has now split these two men apart and taken them in different directions.

For Green Lantern, the road has changed, as has its traveller. The mature and weathered hero who wore the Green Lantern uniform for years is gone. In his place is a kid in a new costume, but with the classic powers of the previous Emerald Guardian. Unlike his more stoic predecessor, this new Green Lantern is brash and carefree, appears to welcome the adventure that awaits him..

For Green Arrow, recent developments have taken him down the beaten path. Once a vigilante who fashioned himself as a modern-day Robin Hood, he now appears to be a man tormented by internal demons. Gone is the vow never to kill. Having crossed the line he once drew for himself, does Green Arrow even deserve to be called a hero?

**PRIMAL FORCE:**
**Not much known about this group, other than previously known heroes like Tornado and Jack O'Lantern, and some monster they call Golem. There's also this maniac called Claw and a woman called Meridian. They claim to have formed to battle the dark evil from the supernatural side.**

**R.E.B.E.L.S.: '94**
**The story on this group is that they're former members of that intergalactic police force L.E.G.I.O.N. Apparently, they've turned sour and are now outlaws. Fortunately, they seem to stay away from Earth, with the exception of team member Lobo.**

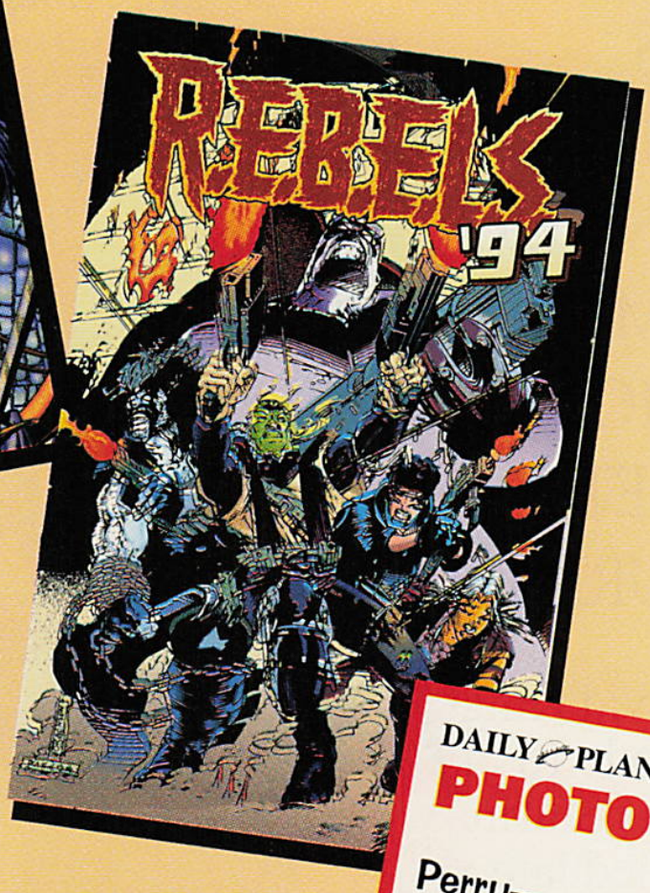



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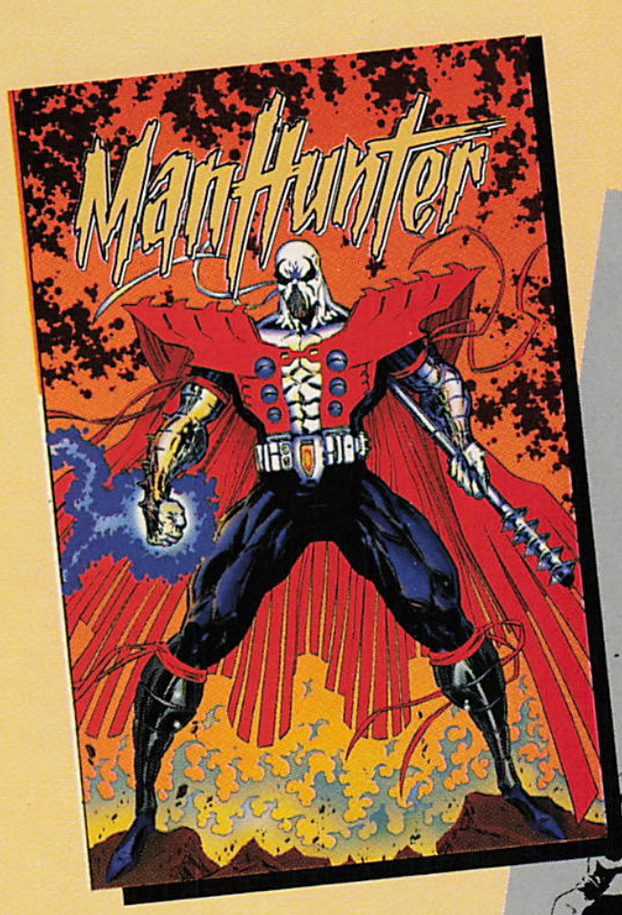
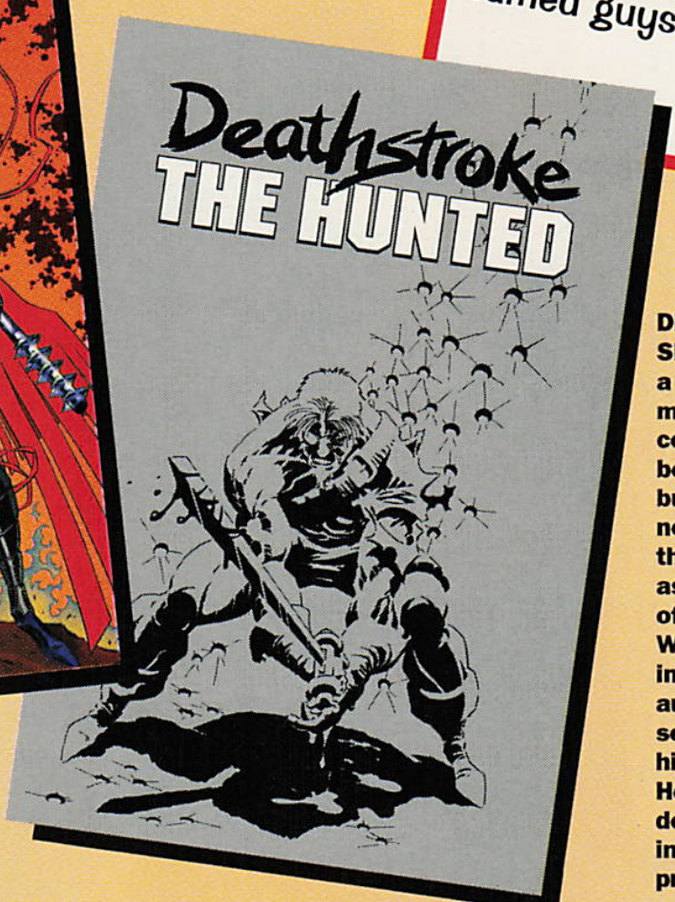
**PHOTO DESK**

Perry—

Here's a batch of photos and notes on the new costumed guys popping up.




**MANHUNTER:**
**Word on this guy is he's on some sort of holy mission. (Try telling his victims that.) He seems to live up to his name and has no qualms about killing.**




**DEATHSTROKE:**
**Slade Wilson, a high-paid mercenary who's considered the best in the business. He's now wanted for the attempted assassination of the President. Wilson says he's innocent, but the authorities don't seem to be buying his story. He's wanted dead or alive— in many circles, preferably dead.**

# STARMAN FALLS VICTIM TO SNIPER. FORMER JUSTICE SOCIETY MOURNS.

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STARMAN
HARRIS 94
DAILY PLANET
PERRY–
Here's another guy claiming to be Starman. This one's just a younger guy, but he's definitely taking the town by storm, and he seems to have the same powers as Knight.
Pursue?
JIMMY OLSEN

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